

EXAMINING BOARD OF SOCIAL WORKERS, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS,
AND PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY SECTION
REGULAR MEETING
JULY 18, 2001

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lynn Gauger, Linda Schwallie, Anne Marie Rathburn, Peter Fabian

LEGAL COUNSEL: John Schweitzer

STAFF PRESENT: Kimberly Nania, Karen Rude-Evans

GUESTS: Fred Devett, Executive Director, WAMFT

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Lynn Gauger called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Amendments: -Correct SFC 60.03 to SFC 16.03
-Review of inquiries received by Peter Fabian
-Update of Legislation/AB 206
-Update on number of MFT's certified since last Section meeting
-Report of Joint Board

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to approve the Agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 26, 2001

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to approve the Minutes of April 26, 2001, as written. Motion carried unanimously.

SECRETARY OSCAR HERRERA

Secretary Herrera was not available to address the Section.

PRESENTATION OF PROPOSED STIPULATIONS

There were no stipulations.

REPORTS ON PENDING COURT CASES, DISCIPLINARY CASES AND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

These reports were informational.

QUESTIONS REGARDING RECIPROCAL APPLICATIONS

The Section discussed developing a list of states whose credentialing requirements are substantially equivalent to Wisconsin's requirements. Fred Devett, Executive Director of WAMFT, offered to provide the Section with a copy of the AAMFT book that lists the credentialing requirements for all states. When this book is received, the Section would like to review it in order to determine substantial equivalency.

The Section would like to have the Department keep a list of MFT's as they are credentialed. This list should include the credential holder's name, method of credentialing (exam or reciprocal, and if reciprocal, the name of the state), and where they are employed at the time. This list should be a part of each agenda packet.

RULES COMMITTEE REPORT

Linda Schwallie said the Rules Committee has not met.

APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATION REPORT

Kimberly Nania reported there are currently 24 pending applications, one applicant has been credentialed since the last Section meeting, and there is a total of 475 active MFT credentials as of June 30, 2001.

WAMFT REPORT

Peter Fabian reported that he communicated with Dismas Becker regarding the proposed psychotherapy legislation and AODA certification. The legislation should in no way diminish the ability of MFT's to function in diagnosis and treatment, including addiction issues, as long as the training they have had is appropriate.

AMFTRB COMMUNICATION AND DELEGATE TO THE OCTOBER MEETING

AMFTRB has just hired its first executive director, and is looking at protocols as a group. They are also looking towards offering the exam on a continuous basis

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to have Lynn Gauger serve as delegate, and Linda Schwallie to serve as alternate, for the AMFTRB national meeting to be held October 17-18, 2001 in Nashville, TN. Motion carried unanimously.

AMFTRB EXAMINATION SCHEDULE AND DISCUSSION OF COMPUTERIZED EXAM

Casey Brown informed the Section that the upcoming windows for taking the national AMFTRB examination are September 17 –October 14, 2001, January 21 – February 17, 2002, May 20 – June 16, 2002, and September 16 – October 13, 2002. Applicants must be made eligible for the exam 10 weeks prior to the first window date. The Section members voiced concerns over the 10-week eligibility requirement, as this would mean that applications would have to be complete weeks earlier in order to allow the Department processing time to meet the 10-week deadline. This is burdensome on both the applicants and the Department. A concern was also raised regarding applicants who fail the examination. By the time the applicant receives notice of failure, they most likely will not be able to retake the exam during the next window, as they will not be able to meet the 10-week deadline.

TELEPRACTICE ISSUES

This item was informational. Some telepractitioners are now informing patients that they are practicing under a particular state's law.

SFC 16.03 RULES CHANGES

Peter Fabian suggested changing language in SFC 16.03 regarding supervision to read, “one hour of face-to-face supervision for every ten hours of practice”.

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to develop and publish a scope statement to draft language to change the supervision requirement in SFC 16.03, and to send this to the Joint Board Rules Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Anne Marie Rathburn, to amend SFC 1.03 to allow the Sections to develop and publish a scope statement to create initial draft of proposed rules. Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF MFT APPLICATION FORM

MOTION: Peter Fabian moved, seconded by Linda Schwallie, to adopt the changes to the MFT application forms with the addition of the paragraph, “All supervisors shall be legally and ethically responsible for the activities of the marriage and family therapist trainee. Supervisors shall be available or make appropriate provision for emergency consultation and intervention. Supervisors shall be able to interrupt or stop the supervisee from practicing in given cases and to stop the supervised relationship if necessary.” Motion carried unanimously.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY LEGAL COUNSEL

There were no inquiries to review.

REVIEW OF INQUIRIES RECEIVED BY PETER FABIAN

Peter Fabian received correspondence from Theresa Yanke, asking the Section to renew her temporary certificate. Current statutes do not permit the renewal of a temporary certificate.

CLOSED SESSION

The Section did not recess to closed session as there were no items to discuss or deliberate.

SCHEDULE 2002 MEETING DATES

The joint SWMFTPC Board has scheduled its 2002 meetings for January 17, June 14, September 18 and December 3.

The MFT Section scheduled its 2002 meetings for February 8, June 7, September 18 (before the Joint Board meeting) and December 3 (before the Joint Board meeting).

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD MEETING

The Joint Board adopted a rule related to clinical field training for social workers and discussed eTherapy and computerized examinations.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Linda Schwallie moved, seconded by Peter Fabian, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

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